

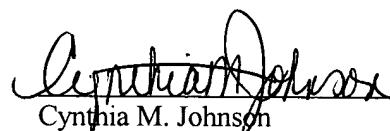


12-19-3

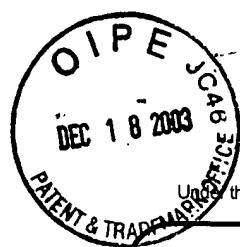
EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

"Express Mail" Label No. : EV 216779448 US
Serial No. : 10/645,996
Applicant(s) : Lloyd Harmon Hancock, et al.
Filing Date : August 22, 2003
Title: Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit : 1731
Type of Document(s) : Express Mail Certificate (EV 216779448 US);
Transmittal Form;
Request to Rescind Previous NonPublication Request; and
Return Postcard

I hereby certify that the documents identified above are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Mail Stop PG Pub, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


(signature)
Cynthia M. Johnson

Date Mailed: December 18, 2003



EV 216779448 US

PTO/SB/21 (05-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

| | | | |
|--|---|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Application Number | 10/645,996 |
| | | Filing Date | August 22, 2003 |
| | | First Named Inventor | Lloyd Harmon Hancock et al. |
| | | Art Unit | 1731 |
| | | Examiner Name | Unknown |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission | 1 | Attorney Docket Number | 00568-286924 |

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer | Request To Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application | | Remarks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | | |

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Firm or Individual name | J. Michael Boggs, Reg. No. 46,563 |
| Signature | |
| Date | December 18, 2003 |

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|------|
| Typed or printed name | | |
| Signature | | Date |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



**REQUEST TO RESCIND PREVIOUS
NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)
AND, IF APPLICABLE,
NOTICE OF FOREIGN FILING
(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii))**

Send completed form to:
Mail Stop PG Pub
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
FAX: (703) 305-8568

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Application Number | 10/645,996 |
| Filing Date | August 22, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Lloyd Harmon Hancock et al. |
| Title | Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes |
| Atty Docket Number | 00568-286924 |
| Art Unit | 1731 |
| Examiner | Unknown |

A request that the above-identified application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (nonpublication request) was included with the above-identified application on filing pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

I hereby **rescind** the previous nonpublication request.

If a notice of foreign or international filing is or will be required by 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c), I hereby provide such notice. This notice is being provided no later than forty-five (**45**) days after the date of such foreign or international filing.

If a notice of subsequent foreign or international filing required by 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) was not filed within forty-five (**45**) days after the date of filing of the foreign or international application, the application is ABANDONED, and a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is required. See 37 CFR 1.137(f).

December 18, 2003

Date

Signature

(336) 747-7536

J. Michael Boggs, Reg. No. 46,563

Telephone number

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b).

If information or assistance is needed in completing this form, please contact the Pre-Grant Publication Division at (703) 605-4283 or by e-mail at PGPub@USPTO.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop PG Pub, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile ((703) 305-8568) transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name (Print/Type)

Signature

Date

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(b). The information is used by the public to rescind a previously filed request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (and the PTO to process that rescission). Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete. Thistime will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PG Pub, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.